

## Foreword

This document is intended to be a graphic consolidation of existing Department of Veterans Affairs criteria. It contains data from the following sources:

PG-18-1 .....	Master Construction Specifications
PG-18-3 .....	Design and Construction Procedures
PG-18-4 .....	Standard Details
PG-7610 .....	Equipment Guide List
PG-18-6 .....	Equipment Reference Manual
Handbook 7610 .....	Space Planning Criteria for VA Facilities
PG-18-13 .....	Barrier-Free Design Guide
PG-18-14 .....	Room Finishes & Door Hardware Schedule

Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards and various technical criteria pertaining to Electrical, Architectural, HVAC, and Plumbing.

Our purpose is to make the above USER-FRIENDLY and to serve as an index to these sources when data is either too detailed or too broad to be contained here.

The SCI Design Guide was developed to assist designers. It also is intended to assist the user/client in better understanding the choices that designers ask them to make.

The guideplates contained in the SCI Design Guide are intended as an illustration of the VA's furniture, equipment, and personal space needs. They are not meant to be a limit on design opportunities.

This Design Guide was not intended to be project-specific. While it does contain the majority of spaces that occur in SCI Design, it is not possible to encompass all possibilities. It is therefore recommended that the project-specific space program be the starting point for any individual project design.

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**Note:** The SCI Design Guide was revised in January 2004. These revisions include improved presentation and format and updated references to the latest VA Standards, but there are no changes to the technical requirements.